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Washington (News Bureau)—Adm. Bobby R. Inman, a highly regarded career intelligence officer, quit abruptly last night as deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency amid reports he was concerned that the spy agency was going to move into domestic snooping.

After news of Inman's planned departure leaked on Capitol Hill, the White House released an exchange of letters between Inman, 51, and President Reagan.

Inman praised Reagan for "the commitment you have made to rebuild the CIA. And Reagan said he accepted the resignation—effective when a successor is found—with deep regret."

But reliable sources said Inman was deeply perturbed at

what he believed was a strong push by CIA Director William Casey to involve the agency in domestic activity. Recently, Inman told the Senate Intelligence Committee that "the job of the CIA is abroad. The CIA has no business involving itself in domestic operations."

Inman reportedly also has been worried about "crackpot" proposals for covert operations overseas on which he was asked to pass. He was particularly upset by one sabotage operation planned on behalf of the Israelis.

Inman plans to go into private industry. Administration sources said he had intended to quit at the end of last year but stayed on at the President's request.

Among those mentioned as his successor was John McMahon, a top CIA official in charge of intelligence analysis. It is customary, however, to have a military officer in one of the two top posts at the CIA.